Dual citizenship to NRIs/PIOs

940. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of requests Government has received from PIOs/ NRIs for dual citizenship;

(b) whether the request have been processed and action taken; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As on 24.02.2006, the Government has received 9,156 applications for registration as Overseas Citizen of India (OCI).

(b) and (c) As on 24.02.2006, 6,408 applicants have been granted OCI registrations.

Illegal immigrants

941. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh initiative have been taken by Government to flush out the illegal immigrants in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Detection and deportation of illegal immigrants from the country is a continuous process. Powers to detect and deport illegal immigrants under Section 3(2) (c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 have been delegated to all State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

(b) Based on the information furnished by States/UTs number of

illegally staying foreigners deported during the last three years is as follows:

Year	2002	2003	2004
Number	6,394	20,767	39,189

(c) Does not arise.

Attack on Civilians by BSF

942. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been reports of BSF personnel attacking civilians at railway stations, public places and generally colliding with civilians in the last 2 months;

(b) the details of such clashes with civilians in peaceful areas;

(c) what steps Government are taking to improve public behaviour of BSF personnel; and

(d) the details of changes in training and supervision being given by B.S.F. to its personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) only one incident of 29.01.2006 has come to the notice wherein 35 BSF personnel of BSF went to visit Kamakhya Temple, Guwahati in an organized manner and reportedly, a scuffile took place between BSF personnel and Pandas (employees of temple)/civilians which resulted into injury to two BSF persons and four civilians.

(c) BSF troops are being briefed/sensitized regularly by their superior officers to maintain cordial relations with general public while performing their duties.

(d) Adequate periods have been included for effective public relations in the training both at the time of induction and during refresher courses.